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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Frederick M. Ausubel et al.	Art Unit:	1635
Serial No.:	09/867,852	Examiner:	Janet L. Epps
Filed:	May 29, 2001	Customer No.:	21559
Title:	RPS GENE FAMILY, PRIMERS, PROBES, AND DETECTION METHODS		

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on January 2, 2003 be extended for three months, to and including July 2, 2003.

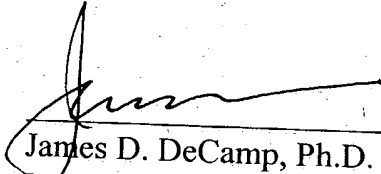
Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.



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Respectfully submitted,

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